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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 0408

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS PGOV LA  
SUBJECT: THE ANTI-LPDR INSURGENCY CONTINUES TO PLAGUE  
THE LAO REGIME

1. ACCORDING TO A RELIABLE SOURCE, CHINESE AMBASSADOR  
TO LAOS HSU HUANG TOLD A WESTERN AMBASSADOR ON MARCH 31  
THAT RESISTANCE TO THE LPDR REGIME WAS INCREASING. HE  
SAID THAT THE RESISTANCE AROSE FROM SPONTANEOUS LAO  
DISSATISFACTION WITH THE LPDR ADMINISTRATION AND NOT AS  
A RESULT OF THAI INSTIGATION.

2. OTHER EMBASSY SOURCES TELL US THAT IN LATE MARCH  
RESISTANCE ELEMENTS PARTIALLY DESTROYED A BRIDGE ON  
ROUTE 13 TO LUANG PRABANG. A SEPARATE REPORT DURING  
THE SAME PERIOD CLAIMED THAT SMALL ARMS FIRE COULD BE  
HEARD ALONG MUCH OF ROUTE 13 THROUGH THE VIENTIANE  
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PLAIN DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. THREE RECENT EMBASSY  
REQUESTS TO VISIT THE NAM NGUM AREA WERE REJECTED FOR  
"SECURITY REASONS".

3. IN SAVANNAKHET, A SWEDISH ENGINEER WAS DENIED PER-  
MISSION TO VISIT THE LOCATIONS ALONG ROUTE 9 WHERE  
BRIDGES PROVIDED BY HIS GOVERNMENT WERE TO BE INSTALLED.

THE REASON GIVEN WAS AGAIN SECURITY.

4. WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE UNCONFIRMED AND UNCONFIRMABLE REPORTS OF RESISTANCE ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT LAOS. MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, THE LAO GOVERNMENT MEDIA HAVE ADMITTED CLASHES IN VARIOUS AREAS, NOTABLY OUDOMSAI AND LUANG NAM THA. EXTENSIVE FIGHTING IN THE MEO HOMELANDS OF XIENG KHOUANG AND VIENTIANE PROVINCES IS INDICATED BY THE FLOW OF MEO REFUGEES TO THAILAND.

5. COMMENT: THESE REPORTS STRONGLY SUGGEST THAT THE ANTI-LPDR INSURGENCY IS CONTINUING AT A LEVEL THAT PRESUMABLY ABSORBS SIGNIFICANT GOVERNMENT RESOURCES AND ATTENTION. WHILE IT DOES NOT POSE A THREAT TO THE CONTINUANCE OF THE REGIME, THE INSURGENCY, ALONG WITH LAO ECONOMIC/FINANCIAL CHAOS, INADEQUATE FOOD PRODUCTION, AND THE LACK OF DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES REPRESENT PREOCCUPYING CONCERNS FOR THE LPDR.  
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